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SUBJECT: FY 1977 NCAP

REFERENCE: 76 QUITO A-85

1. THE LA REGIONAL COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE FY 1977 NCAP AND EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE ECUADORIAN POLICE AND CUSTOMS IN RELATION TO THE LEVEL OF NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT CARRIED OUT BY THOSE TWO AGENCIES. THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT A COMPLETE REVIEW OF THESE PROGRAMS BY THE MISSION WAS WARRANTED BEFORE ADDITIONAL COMMODITIES WAS PROVIDED. SIMILARLY, THE COMMITTEE QUESTIONED THE CONTINUED PROVISION OF OPERATING COSTS IN VIEW OF THE GOE'S PROVISION OF FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE SOLE JUSTIFICATION FOR OPERATING COSTS HAS BEEN TO DEMONSTRATE THE NEED FOR SUCH
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FUNDS AND TO INFLUENCE HOST GOVERNMENTS TO BUDGET FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE. IT WOULD APPEAR THIS OBJECTIVE HAS BEEN ACHIEVED AND ADVISORY EFFORTS SHOULD NOW BE DIRECTED TOWARD THE UTILIZATION OF GOE FUNDS IN A TIMELY MANNER.

ON THE OTHER HAND IT IS NOTED OF THE THREE COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN OPERATION FUNNEL, ECUADOR ALONE HAD ITS PERSONNEL

IN THE FIELD FROM THE OUTSET CARRYING OUT THEIR FUNCTIONS AS PLANNED AND WERE MOST COOPERATIVE DURING THE EXERCISE INCLUDING THE REMOVAL OF SPECIFIC PERSONNEL WHEN REQUESTED. ADDITIONALLY, WE NOTE THE RECENT HIGH LEVEL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOE REGARDING PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AND THEIR APPARENT SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION. IN VIEW OF THE DELAY IN RESPONDING TO THE MISSION'S NCAP AND THE ABOVE FACTORS, THE TECHNICIAN, COMMODITY AND OTHER COSTS, EXCLUDING OPERATING COSTS, ELEMENTS OF THE NATIONAL POLICE AND CUSTOMS PROJECTS IS APPROVED AS REQUESTED. DEA HAS BEEN PROVIDED DOLLARS 24,000 FOR OPERATING COSTS IN ECUADOR. DEA AND CUSTOMS TRAINING INPUTS TO THE PROJECTS ARE BEING HANDLED SEPARATELY BY THE TWO AGENCIES.

2. PRIOR TO THE SUBMISSION OF AN FY 78 NCAP, THE MISSION IS REQUESTED TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THESE TWO ACTIVITIES AND THE NCAP SHOULD RECOMMEND SPECIFIC QUANTIFIED GOALS WITHIN DEFINITIVE TIME FRAMES WHICH THE USG SHOULD SEEK TO ACHIEVE THE COMING YEAR. OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE WILL BE THE MISSION'S JUSTIFICATION FOR ANY ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT PENDING A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT EFFECTIVENESS.

3. THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION PROJECTS WERE THE SUBJECT OF SOME DISCUSSION AND ALTHOUGH APPROVED FOR IMPLEMENTATION, THE MISSION IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW THE DESIGN OF THESE ACTIVITIES WITH MR. CHESHES DURING HIS VISIT IN LATE MAY. CHRISTOPHER
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